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PRIORITIES

His ship aflame, 2nd Lt. Harry D. Johnson of Philadelphia saw beneath him the vast suburbs of London. If he took to his parachute, he could save himself. But what would happen to the civilians upon which his pilotless craft would fall? Deliberately he steered for a small, open, vacant playing field and drove his plane straight into the ground. "No one was hurt"—except this brave American lad. He was, of course, instantly killed. This is the kind of heroic self-sacrifice of which one hears with deep emotion.

There is another less dramatic kind of heroism. In Switzerland, Christians are giving up their own food ration points to make possible the purchase of food for refugees. They are giving up spare clothing for the same reason—even though it now takes more than a year's supply of points in Switzerland to make possible the purchase of a suit or overcoat.

These are incidents from United Nations sources. Put beside them this: The church people of one Hitler-dominated land, which must be nameless, last year gave for a Chaplaincy service to United Nations prisoners of war, under the Ecumenical Commission, more than four times as much as the American churches gave to the corresponding service for Axis prisoners of war.

When we read of such conduct, does it not inspire us to redoubled efforts to take our relatively easy part in aid to war victims? If it does not, what is wrong with our responses?

The parable of the last Judgement makes uncomfortable reading sometimes. —Henry Smith Leiper, American Secretary, World Council of Churches.

Population Shift

What the churches in our mountain districts are facing in the way of reduced population is reported by Rev. John G. Dickey of Calaveras County, as shown in the decrease in issuance of war ration books. Just 5,848 registrations took place for the No. 2 book, 7,154 for the No. 1 book last May, and an official census in 1940 of 8,241—a total reduction of about 2,400 in three years. Of this number, about 750 are serving with the forces and others are engaged in defense work. It is understood that Trinity County population has been reduced by nearly one-half.

PILGRIM PLACE

A printed report of Pilgrim Place has come to the desk of the editor. This excellent project in providing homes for retired missionaries and other Christian workers, has made remarkable progress during the brief period of its organization. The net worth increased more than $50,000 during the year 1942, and is now considerably above the half million dollar mark. While war conditions make it impossible to erect new buildings, resources will be available for expansion later on. Rev. Edward D. Gaylord is the executive secretary and Rev. Raymond C. Brooks is president of the Corporation.

WELCOME!

With this issue we welcome a large number of new subscribers. We hope the new friends will not be alarmed because there are no further issues until September. Pacific is published ten month of the year. It takes a vacation in July and August.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCES

As the deadline for registration in the summer conferences passes for some and approaches for others, let ministers and other youth group counsellors take quick advantage of the opportunities that are still open. The conference experience is a gateway to increased church interest and personal religious advancement for young people. This year especially our churches need the stimulus of the great theme, "THE PRIORITY AND POWER OF THE CHRISTIAN WAY."

Conference	Age Group	Dates	Cost	Send Registrations to—
Lakewood	High School	June 12-19	$ 9.50	Geo. I Linn, R. 9, Box 1328, Sacramento
Sequoia	High School	June 13-19	9.00	Rev. A. L. Rice, 220 W. Tulare St., Tulare
Loma Mar	High school	June 26-July 3	13.60	Miss Mae Baudin, 26th and Harrison Sts., Oakland
Zephyr-at-Berkeley	Advanced	July 2-5	7.00	David Stowe, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley
Lokoya	High School and Intermediate	Aug. 8-14	9.00	Rev. W. W. Meyer, Fairfax

Your pastor has received registration blanks for the summer conference of your choice. Ask him for one. Does your church assist financially in the cost of sending delegates?

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL–

Upon the dissolution of the Park Congregational Church of Berkeley and the deeding of its property to the Conference, the following letter was sent to the church, representing not only the Superintendent but the Conference Board. The custody of the Park Church membership roll is in the Conference office, from which letters of transfer will be granted from time to time as the members find new church homes.

"One cannot view the dissolution of a church without deep emotion, and one cannot see this happen to Park Church without some recognition of the great loyalty of the people who have made possible the church's continuance for so many years.

"Thirteen years ago you were discouraged and even then could not see a future for the church, but in response to the urgency of the council of East Bay churches you agreed to carry on for the sake of the children and young people who were in the community knowing full well that ultimately the active work of the church would come to an end. You have given yourselves and your means, and under the leadership of your beloved pastor several scores of young people have been reached, a number of whom will be faithful members of other churches. You have made it possible for some hundreds of children to have learned something of God and the Bible and Jesus Christ. After all, a church does not exist for itself but to bring a ministry to people, and even though the church as an organization comes to an end its influence does not. You need have no feeling of frustration and defeat. You have done a difficult job and have done it well. People have been blest because of what you have done and we are all grateful to you.

"For all of this your sister churches and the Conference extend their congratulations. We know that the same spirit which has held you together will lead you quickly to identify yourselves with other churches. Such devotion must not be lost to the Kingdom of Christ. The Conference Board desires that the property which you created and maintained shall continue to be used for the cause of Christ and the benefit of the people in that community. We are happy to have been sharers with you in the enterprise in which you have been engaged. We feel indebted, as you do, to Rev. Tom Watt, and we rejoice that he is to continue in service in our Conference, and pray God's blessing upon him and upon you all."

Association Officers

In the May issue of The Pacific the names of the newly-elected officers of the San Joaquin Association and the German Conference were printed. Since then, the following officers have been elected in other Associations, as indicated below.

Sacramento Valley Association: Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, Moderator; Mrs. David H. Gill, Assistant Moderator; Rev. E. P. Shier, Registrar.

Upper Bay Association: Rev. E. T. Sherman, Moderator; Rev. E. W. Benedict, Registrar.

Central Association: Rev. A. C. Hacke, Moderator; Mrs. Ella Wetmore, Vice Moderator; Rev. Noel J. Breed, Registrar.

Santa Clara Association: Rev. Augustine Jones, Moderator; Rev. T. Davis Preston, Vice Moderator; Rev. R. B. Cherington, Registrar.

Redwood Empire Association: Rev. Gordon Foster, Moderator; Rev. Frank E. Boren, Registrar.

SUMMER DEVOTIONS

The new book of Daily Devotions for Summer, 1943, published by the Commission on Evangelism, is now ready for delivery. Dated to begin July 1, this helpful little volume of daily readings is priced at only four cents per copy. Supply may be ordered through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco 2, or through the Commission on Evangelism in New York.

Imitation Stained-Glass Windows

make an excellent work-and-worship project for children and young people. A complete set of directions is available from the Conference Christian Education Committee, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

CHURCH SCHOOLS ATTENTION!
An opportunity to **train teachers**, both new and old, to improve the quality of Chrisitian education, in a
LABORATORY SCHOOL
August 2 to 13, 1943, San Anselmo, California, sponsored by the California Church Council.
The Laboratory School combines practical experience and demonstration, with lectures and discussion on Christian teaching led by experts in the field. It is possible to attend for one week or both weeks. Tuition, $2.50 per week, entertainment, $11 for one week, $20 for two. For further information write to the Committee on Religious Education, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, California.

CONFERENCE PLANS

The program committee for the annual meeting of the State Conference is now at work, and invitations are going out to speakers. Thus far we are assured of the presence of Rev. John R. Scotford, new editor of ADVANCE, and one or two other speakers coming from our national agencies. The Conference will be held at Oakland, Plymouth Church, on October 19 to 21. The committee consists of George B. Martin, Moderator, Mrs. H. H. Gill, chairman of program committee of the Federation of Congregational Women, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor of entertaining church, and Superintendent Gill.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

"Music in Worship," a comprehensive study of the use of music in the church service for promoting worship, has been published by the Pilgrim Press. It is a 230-page book, well bound in cloth, written by Joseph N. Ashton, former professor of musical history and theory at Brown University, and member of the American Guild of Organists. It deals with the principles of church music and with the practical application of them in congregational, choir, and organ music. It is for the use of ministers, organists, choir directors, church musicians, music committees, and seminary students. It is priced at $2.00 per copy.

APPROVED

The Committee on Ministerial Standing devoted a full day to the examination of three young men who graduated from Pacific School of Religion in May. All of them passed their examinations with credit to themselves, and will come before councils of ordination in the near future. David Stowe is at work as Director of Plymouth House, Berkeley. Herbert Dimock is Director of Arlington Fellowship House, and Alfred Focht is pastor at Guerneville but expects to go East for further study in the fall.

NEW STUDY BOOK

"The Growing Concept of God in the Bible," a study guide for older young people and adults, written by Theodore G. Soares, has just been published by The Pilgrim Press. It traces the belief about God from that held by the nomads through the various concepts of the Old Testament to that which thinking, devout people may hold today. The eminence of Dr. Soares, his sound scholarship, and his practical experience as a teacher and pastor, unite to certify this book to our churches and people. It is a 96-page paper bound book, and is priced at 50c per copy.

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GAINING

Following is the final report of church by church giving to benevolences for the period ending May 31. Our thanks to all who helped.

Church	May, 1943	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1943	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1942
Adin	$	$ 3.40	$ 8.06
Alameda	76.55	277.62	45.00
Alturas	35.30	59.36	11.72
Angels Camp	.....	37.50	40.00
Antioch	.....	12.44	15.66
Auburn	.....	40.00	63.07
Benicia	.....	26.06	30.00
Berkeley, First	608.81	2,260.73	2,001.44
Kensington	.....	20.00	.....
North	49.85	201.25	176.05
Park	.....	22.01	17.93
Campbell	.....	70.00	65.00
Cedarville	.....	25.00	25.00
Cloverdale	.....	39.47	22.79
Cotati	.....	34.45	44.35
Crockett	.....	31.03	36.15
Etna	.....	.....	5.32
Eureka	.....	178.40	186.37
Fairfax	.....	30.75	15.00
Ferndale	.....	94.77	94.70
Fresno, First	150.00	865.33	265.16
Japanese	.....	.....	35.00
Pilgrim	.....	100.00	68.08
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Hayward	.....	100.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	12.30	6.10
Likely	22.35	29.04	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	18.27	.....
First	300.00	928.25	560.00
Loleta	4.17	13.05	.....
Loomis	.....	23.05	10.71
Martinez	17.59	116.82	130.22
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	2,250.00	2,265.00
Fruitvale	.....	15.00	15.00
Japanese	.....	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	3.00	15.00	21.17
Plymouth	196.81	477.48	361.47
Oroville	17.60	70.56	25.00
Pacific Grove	.....	18.80	52.03
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	250.00
Paradise	.....	157.70	100.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	22.25	15.75
Pescadero	.....	.....	2.50
Petaluma	.....	215.83	128.55
Pittsburg	17.60	71.25	63.43
Port Chicago	.....	.....	1.37
Porterville	100.00	190.00	80.00
Redwood City	.....	253.94	222.95
Rio Vista	.....	14.00	.....
Ripon	21.62	85.31	75.70
Sacramento	87.78	327.59	230.03
Salida	.....	25.00	30.00
San Carlos	.....	50.79	25.28
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	87.00	130.92	73.88
First	.....	515.39	536.12
Ocean View	.....	49.47	40.00
Richmond	.....	75.00	.....
San Jose	35.00	325.00	305.20
San Leandro	7.80	45.39	25.10
San Mateo	52.74	376.44	333.20
San Rafael	40.00	40.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	.....	150.00	220.00
Santa Rosa	26.00	64.00	70.00
Saratoga	.....	156.29	206.77
Sebastopol	.....	42.41	87.27
Sonoma	.....	74.60	47.71
Soquel	.....	25.00	25.00
Stockton	57.00	227.68	176.21
Suisun	.....	25.00	25.00
Tulare	.....	179.23	136.50
Weaverville	.....	20.00	97.00
Woodside	.....	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	81.70	185.52	100.22
Misc. and Individual	.....	795.33	1,209.00
	$2,536.27	$13,810.52	$11,829.29

CHAPLAIN VERDETTE WALTERS

Lt. L. V. Walters, formerly our pastor at Martinez, is now stationed at Camp McQuaide, California. He writes that he is enjoying the work thus far, and feels he has his "camp legs" by now. "Pacific" and its readers extend greetings to our newest chaplain.

THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Board of Directors of the Conference is constantly impressed with the wide range of activities that our Superintendent is constantly carrying forward, the securing of pastors, the settling of property matters, conferring with committees, preaching sermons and giving addresses and many things besides, all of the first importance, and all done with great efficiency. Over his natural reluctance it was unanimously voted at the last monthly meeting of the Board that this space be reserved for selections from his reports.

AUGUSTINE JONES,
President of the Board.

From the Superintendent's Report of February 9:

"At the Midwinter Meeting I attended sessions for one full day of the Committee on Systematic Benevolences. Then followed the Committee Ad Interim of the Missions Council with authority to do business since the Council as a whole did not assemble. I was chairman of the Findings Committee, bringing in a report of the larger promotional meeting for official adoption by the committee ad interim. These meetings were all held at Poughkeepsie. All of us came away with the strong conviction that we have the right man in the right place, with Dr. Albert Stauffacher as the Minister and Secretary of the Missions Council. He shows such strength of leadership and commands the respect of others who sit in high places. He is much more that a promotional man; he is a really spiritual leader and is infusing in promotional plans the sense of Christian responsibility and interest in the world-wide task. The recommendations that are being presented to our churches for the coming year are, to a large extent, a restatement of the methods which have proven wise and successful. It is expected that more will be made of the means of visual education . . . There is to be a re-emphasis of the project plan, but not individual projects since the administrative problems are insurmountable, but rather in terms of units, fields, and divisions. In other words, instead of adopting a particular physician, the church is asked to make the hospital its project; or instead of an evangelist, that a church will keep itself thoroughly informed about evangelistic work in a whole area.

"Some of the people engaged in promotional work have been transferred from the staffs of the Boards to that of the Mission Council, which is directly in line with the policy which some of us have fought for for years, namely, to unify our promotional work.

"For three days the State Superintendents were in session in Chicago. Our chief problem today is the keeping of our churches manned. So many of our ministers have gone into the chaplaincy or into defense work . . . At the meeting of the Superintendents I resigned as their representative on the Joint Cabinet. This resignation carried with it the resignation from the Committee Ad Interim, the Joint Staff, and the Committee on Systematic Benevolence. This was done for two reasons: first, difficulties of travel; and second, the particular interest which the superintendents had had in mind had been accomplished, namely, the unifying of promotion under one executive secretary. Since I cleared the way for another to be elected to these posts, I thought it also wise to resign as representative of the Pacific Slope area, as an advisory member of the General Council Committee. My one national office now is Vice-President of the American Board.

"One bright and happy item I am able to bring you at the last moment. A check has come from the Board of Ministerial Relief, which will make it possible to send out supplemental Christmas gifts to our pensioners, amounting to 45% of that which was sent in December. Incidentally, the action taken by this Board at the last meeting has resulted in the approval by the Appropriations Committee of the Board of Home Missions of an increase to pensioners throughout the country, but this will need confirmation by the Budget Committee." (Later: The action was taken and it is in effect.)

From the Superintendent's Report of April 13:

"Letters went to churches asking that they make a point of getting the first quarter of benevolence money to the office before March 31. Letters of appreciation to our individual contributors went out and brought in $475.00, part of which has come since April first. A 16-page mimeographed bibliography prepared by the Committee on Social Action for use of study groups in the churches has been manufactured in the office. Details and publicity matter for an East Bay laymen's retreat were worked out and mailed from the office, also a letter for the Committee on Evangelism, and a mailing for the Religious Education Committee. Work is now going forward on the annual Handbook.

"Turning to the matter of finance. We closed the fiscal year in a far more favorable condition than any of us had dared to hope. We can only regard this as a mandate from our people and churches to go forward. An organization of this kind has no right to take the giving of people and add it to invested funds. It should be used. The Federation of Congregational Women is asking for a Thank Offering of $700 or more for new work. I recommend that $2800 additional be taken from last year's surplus and set forward into the new budget for new work. The budget will show a considerable sum for new and expanded work,—Kensington, a possible Negro church in south Berkeley, Oakland Pilgrim, and about $2200 for something entirely new. If the budget seems to carry too large a load, let the Board be reminded that it is really conservative, due to the fact that we will hardly be able to get all of these places manned quickly.

"In coming to the end of the fiscal year it may give a perspective of our financial situation to look back over the years. Since 1934 we have closed every year but one with a surplus, ranging from $23 in one year, to $4,200 this past year. In four and one-quarter years from January 1,1931 to March,1934, there were deficits totalling $13,790. This together with the deficit for 1939-1940 made total deficits since 1929 of $15,175. The total of surpluses for the other years was $9,695, which means that in the 13 years and more we have spent $5,480 more than we received. During this same time there have been certain losses in capital funds, just as was the case with banks, insurance companies, colleges, and all institutions having endowments. During the past three years we have shown some gain in capital assets due to favorable market conditions, and there will be still further gains. To be able to recoup all of the losses through investment changes is almost more than could be expected, when great corporations have been compelled to write off millions of dollars. However, in that same period we received close to $10,000 from the Richmond church property, two legacies totalling $1500, and conditional gifts of almost $2000 from the death of one of our generous women. We have received several thousand dollars of new conditional gifts, on which we are still paying an income, but considerable proportion will one day accrue to the Conference. A plan was worked out modifying terms of the Winslow Fund which will save the Conference from losing a large part of its share in that fund. Two other obligations which might easily have cost us some thousands of dollars have been worked out so that the ultimate liability will be little or nothing. There have been satisfactory settlements on property matters at Hydesville, the old Berkeley Bethany Church, Redwood City Spanish property, Chinese lots in Fresno, certain lots in Mill Valley, and mortgages on two ranches near Merced. A loan to the Santa Rosa Church was collected in full. The Conference holds title to the Oakland Calvary property, and the loan to Broadmoor has been regularly reduced. All in all, in spite of the depression, we are in a more satisfactory situation than before it came. Not least of importance is the more conservative policy of the Finance Committee. Title is held by the Conference to a number of church properties whose use is for local organizations. These include the Berkeley and San Francisco Chinese Churches, the Oakland and Fresno Japanese Churches, Pescadero, Port Chicago, Penngrove, Fields Landing, and Mokelumne Hill." (As Pacific goes to press, the property of Park Church, Berkeley, is coming into our care.)

From the Superintendent's Report of May 25th, covering six weeks:

"The Superintendent preached six times and gave four addresses. He occupied the pulpit at Oakland Pilgrim on Palm Sunday and Easter, and preached at the union Good Friday service at Bakersfield, at the San Joaquin Association at Porterville at the German Conference at Lodi, and also at Lodi First Church. Addresses were were given at Fairfax, Lodi Ebenezer Sunday School, Plymouth Young People's Retreat, and the Southern California Conference. During this period the spring meetings of our eight Associations have all been held, and the Superintendent has visited them all and participated in the necessary business affairs, and acted as chauffeur for the speakers. This involved 1600 miles of automobile travel, for the Associations were held at Portersville, Lodi, Angels Camp, Loomis, Port Chicago, San Francisco Park Presidio, Santa Cruz, and Kenwood. . . . There was no evidence of discouragement at these meetings, and the reports of the churches were decidedly encouraging. All of the Associations adopted the suggestion that representation to the 1944 General Conference as between ministers and lay people be established by the casting of lots.

"During the Association visits there were many personal interviews and conferences regarding church problems. In addition, visits were made to the San Francisco Grace United Church, Martinez, Antioch, Stockton, Petaluma, and Kensington. There were two meetings in connection with the Superintendents' Council, one of our Japanese Committee, one of the Committee on Social Action, one of the Hip Wo School Board, and two having to do with the Bay Association. The East Bay Laymen's Retreat was attended, and there have been extended conferences regarding Fairfax, Cedarville, Port Chicago, Guerneville, and the Alameda Housing Projects.

"Pacific was edited and mailed, most of the work being done by the office staff. Handbooks and Directories were completed and mailed. The Superintendent spent a day and a half at the Southern California Congregational Conference, to which he had been elected as the Fraternal Delegate. He is glad to report that our sister Conference is moving forward very rapidly and with greatly increased strength. Two members are being added to their staff and some new projects launched.

"One full day was spent in taking Mrs. Whiting and Dr. Stauffacher to visit Richmond, Vallejo, Benicia, and Marin City. At each place we were met by the pastor or interdenominational worker. We saw something of the housing, and of the community recreational and religious facilities. Such an experience is both exhilarating and depressing. Everywhere there is opportunity, not merely knocking

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. The Women's Club of the church has been using programs centered about the post-war planning and reconstruction. They have again given $200 to the benevolence quota, and also $55 to the Thank Offering and a $58 social service quota. Nineteen young people of high school and college age have signed up to go to the fifth annual Sequoia Young People's Conference from June 13 to 19. Rev. John H. Gregg preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Clovis Union High School and the Fowler Union High School. Two hundred seventy-one were in attendance at the Sunday morning service of worship on Mother's Day, including 102 men. The church has been greatly saddened by the passing of one of its most prominent laymen, B. M. Benson.

STOCKTON. This church is joining with three others in conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School. The three women's societies of the church are now meeting separately on the same day for their business sessions, but coming together for their program and social hour under the Women's Fellowship president. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, was the commencement speaker for the Stockton High School and the Tracy High School this year. He is chairman of the county food rationing board and staff captain of the Stockton auxiliary police.

PARLIER. Superintendent Harley H. Gill spent one full day with this church, preaching at the morning service and again following a fellowship dinner Sunday afternoon, then conferring with the officials of the church in the evening. Under the leadership of Rev. N. K. Hachian extensive plans are under way for renovation and improvement of the property and the purchase of a parsonage. The men of the church have done a splendid job in laying a cement walk.

ALTURAS. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz, pastor of the Federated Church, was the baccalaureate preacher at the Modoc Union High School. A vacation church school has been in session from 9:30 to 12, three days a week for three weeks, the theme of the course of study being "Knowing the Book of Books." Friends from the Congregational Church at Likely came to worship with the Federated Church on Easter Sunday, a group of Likely children singing in the choir.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Mother's Day was another high point in the life of this church. As is usually the case, Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, was in much demand at various Memorial Day celebrations. The church is recognizing the ninth anniversary of his pastorate at a reception on June 9.

FRESNO, ZION. Rev. J. N. Sauer reports larger attendance at the recent Mother's Day service than on any previous Mother's Day during his pastorate. Once a month Sunday morning services are held in English and are very well attended, about 100 more being present than on other Sundays.

CLOVERDALE. The Congregational and Methodist Churches are worshiping together under the leadership of Rev. W. R. Haselden. Seven new members united with the Congregational Church on Easter Sunday. A thriving young people's group has been formed.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt began his services with this church on June first. He was fortunate in finding an apartment and is already living in Antioch and hard at work.

TRINITY COUNTY. In Weaverville at the Mother's Day service special honors were given to the oldest mother present, to the youngest mother present, to the mother of the largest family, and to the mother with the greatest number of children and grandchildren present. In the afternoon Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Bennett called upon fourteen grandmothers who are shut in, bringing them flowers. The pastor preached the high school baccalureate sermon. A great deal of interest is manifested in the redecorating of the church, the plan being to rearrange the interior to form a pleasing chancel, and to place venetian blinds at the windows, these blinds to be furnished by individuals, families, or organizations.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Two new features have been incorporated in the church activities, namely, Musical Vespers at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and on Tuesday evenings the Friendly Institute. In this institute, in addition to educational classes, there are personal interviews and counseling by the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, and helpers experienced in professional and social service. A class on "Rebuilding the Christian Home" is led by Harold E. Morrison, M.D., and one on "How to Heal Yourself and Others" by Rev. D. C. Williams.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Mr. Herbert Dimock, director of Arlington Avenue House, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Eugene Sill of Ocean View Church, San Francisco, the first Sunday of May. Miss Mae Baudin and Mrs. John C. Bennett of the Conference R. E. Committee spent a very worthwhile evening with the parents and teachers of the Church School recently. The Hi-K gave a "very successful" Hawaiian dance on May 8, and a few days ago the Church School held a picnic at Codornices Park.

FAIRFAX. Rev. William W. Meyer reports that the 20th anniversary celebration was a happy occasion and a real milestone for the church. Statistically the church is better off than in any other period of the present pastorate, with 25% average increase in church attendance over like period last year. A Junior High group, "The Upper Room," has been organized. Seven enthusiastic meetings were squeezed into one month. A young couple assists the pastor as advisers.

PORTERVILLE. The congregation has voted to hold morning worship an hour earlier during the summer, namely at 9:45, the church school meeting during the same hour. On July 4th, Rev. J. A. Milligan, former pastor, will preach in celebration of the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

SAN JOSE. The 68th anniversary of the church was celebrated with a birthday dinner on May 19. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, gave a stimulating and inspiring talk on "The Church of Yesterday and Tomorrow." Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

EUREKA. Twelve new members were received into fellowship during the lovely Easter service. This church joined with the other churches of the town in a conference at which Kirby Page was the speaker. Rev. Charles E. Hudson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. This church has decided to take a vacation until arrangements can be made for the new pastor. During the month of May it was very effectively supplied by Rev. C. A. Stanley.

SARATOGA. The Lyra Mills Memorial drinking fountain was dedicated on June 6, with friends and former neighbors of Miss Mills participating. Mills Waterhouse, Miss Mills' nephew, contributed a biographical sketch of fine feeling and literary quality. Younger departments of the Church School have shown marked increase in enrollment and regularity of attendance, due to new families coming in and to completion of departmental rooms for the kindergarten and primary groups. Community movies are shown twice monthly, the only motion pictures available in Saratoga. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

CAMPBELL. This church reports a period of advancement. Easter services were well attended and 17 new adult members were added to the roll. New Cub and Scout units have been formed through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, and a committee of eight men of the church, enlisting about forty boys in the groups. An "Investiture" service was made a part of the morning worship on May 16. Service men are also having their share of attention through parcels and organized letter-writing and much interest has been created in the homes of the town through this service.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The church at Angels Camp entertained the Central Association, with a fine attendance. At White Pines the Thursday following Easter Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey and musicians from Angels Camp gave the whole Easter service to an appreciative audience. At both Angels Camp and Murphys young people assisted in the Mother's Day service. Five young people united with the Murphys church on confession of faith. Eight young people expect to attend the Lakewood Conference.

LODI, EBENEZER. On Easter Sunday morning the church was filled to overflowing, many being turned away. Six children were christened and 37 persons taken into membership of the church. On May 23 a group of 27 young people, who had been under the pastor's instruction for the past six months, were received into membership, bringing the total membership of the church up to 302. The Sunday School enrollment has increased to 225. Rev. F. W. Gross is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. A Post-War Forum meets on Sunday evenings, a recent subject for discussion being "Labor and the Post-War World." A class of 61 persons was received into membership, making a total of 72 since the beginning of the year. The church helps in maintaining the Christian Center for Service Men. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

NILES. This church has asked permission to adopt a unit of soldiers stationed about 12 miles away, offering to be of such help as it is able. The men of the church have put in a new church lawn. At Easter a family of father, mother, and son united with the church. The attendance on that day was very good, and the Easter offering $230. Rev. D. Q. Grabill is the pastor.

TULARE. The church recognized the 25th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, with a special observance on Sunday, May 2, and open house in the church parlors in the afternoon. A fund for the improvement of the church interior has been launched. Attendance throughout the entire Lenten season as well as on Easter Sunday was above that of recent years.

REDWOOD CITY. In spite of rationing and departures for the Services, Sunday morning services have maintained the high attendance of last year. Other church activities are largely patriotic, such as sewing for Red Cross, and the like. The church has also provided space for a Red Cross blood bank unit. A committee has been appointed to check and maintain all Service addresses, and a special dedicatory ceremony for a Service flag will be held on July 4. Another committee will coordinate church cooperation with its "adopted" U. S. Chaplain. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. At a recent well attended Men's Club meeting, Mr. Galen Fisher spoke on ways of dealing with post-war Japan, and was enthusiastically received. On June 6 the young people conducted the entire morning service, taking as their themes, "What Christ means to me," "What the Church means to me," and "Christianity and Victory." For the "first time in history" the Upper Bay Association held its meeting in Port Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Wirt will be ending their three-year student ministry to the church this summer, Mr. Wirt having graduated from Pacific School of Religion on May 7.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Priscilla Club held its annual Mother and Daughter dinner, followed by a candlelighting service and installation of new officers. The Spring Festival of the Women's League had for its theme "Neighbors of the Air Age." The proceeds of $150 will be used for Red Cross and World Service work. Dr. Reidenbach, pastor, is conducting a class in Bible drill and "The Meaning of Church Membership," in preparation for youth Sunday.

SAN MATEO. For the first time in several years the Sunday School will be kept open during the summer, the sessions to be held at 11 o'clock, during the church hour. Thirty-one persons were received into membership on Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday was a high point in the church year, with one of the largest audiences ever accommodated in the church. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is the pastor.

OROVILLE. On May 18 a reception was held for the 35 members who had been received since January 1, which was attended by Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin of Sonoma who were visiting in the city. The church has voted to call for subscriptions in support of the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services. Rev. Frank E. Carlson is pastor.

SOQUEL. Looking forward to the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church at the end of July, the historical data of the life of the church from its beginning in 1868 is being published in prose and verse in successive numbers of the "Soquel Parish News," the very attractive church bulletin. Rev. T. Davis Preston is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. T. T. Giffen began his work with this church on May 20th.

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SPRING MEETING PROGRAM

The Spring Meeting of the Federation is now a matter of memory. It was held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. There was a smaller number in attendance than usual, especially from the more distant parts of Northern California, but there were more than some of us had dared to hope for. Had we come in larger numbers and from the Oregon border to the southern line of Tulare County, we could not have had a warmer welcome, nor more careful attention to our comfort in every way than the ladies of the hostess church gave us. There are no priorities nor any rationing in hospitality and friendliness, as Berkeley First proved. The weather, too, was all that could be desired.

Business was brief and after the opening prayer by Mrs. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma and Mrs. d'Erlach's cordial welcome, we heard from Mrs. Wm. H. Davis, Thank Offering secretary. She reminded us that the Thank Offering was definitely and solely women's work. If we fail, the work goes undone. She spoke of the three known fields of endeavor for the current year: the Children's Project of Grace United Church, the nurse's salary (which we share with women in other parts of the country) of Grant's, New Mexico, and the work in the Means School for Girls, West Africa, which had been so thrillingly presented to us by Dr. Mary F. Cushman at the March meeting of the Federation. In this latter connection, may your editor interpolate that the May number of The Missionary Herald has an interesting article by Dr. Cushman comparing the work of the witch doctor and the Christian physician. The article includes pictures of Dr. Cushman's hospital, some of her native helpers, an excellent likeness of Dr. Cushman herself, and a group picture showing two native nurses with seventeen wee babies in their bassinets. Your editor would willingly pay the meager 25 cents which is the year's supscription to the Herald for that picture alone.

The fourth Thank Offering project, to replace Trinity County work, now the responsibility of the Conference, has not yet been decided upon. It will be some much needed work in our own state.

We welcomed Mrs. E. B. Kientz, who has been away from our meetings for several months. Mrs. Kientz is Young People's Secretary and gave us a summary of the development of the Pilgrim Fellowship from its inception in 1936, with a small membership, to a membership in 1940 of 191,570. They also have a four-fold benevolence project: local, Plymouth House; state, Calaveras County; national, Pleasant Hill Academy; foreign, work of Miss Jane Kuan (Tsui-Chen Kuan) of China. In spite of all calls on money this last year, they raised $30 more than ever before.

Mrs. Royal Whiting of New York spoke on the subject, "Church Women Must Choose." She started with the arresting statement that the Church, which had initiated most of the philanthropic activities in the country, has withdrawn from most of them, leaving them to be handled by various secular and governmental agencies. The choice before us is what we are to do in this matter in the future. We ourselves, she told us, have the greatest opportunity for good works of any part of the country, and she instanced the 8,000 women working in the Mare Island shipyards, 38% of whom, she states, are mothers of children under six years. We send our missionaries to the far corners of the earth to work in such or similar conditions; let us each one strive to do the needed thing in our own community. If the missionary enterprise is to continue strong abroad it must be stronger at home. The Church of Christ is not a building, but a company of people who care about their fellow men. Mrs. Whiting hammered again on the truth which every worker among young people brings to us over and over, but not too often, that if we expect these young people to carry on after we are through we must show them a significant job, worth doing. Toward the close, she posed a question that struck deep. She put it into the mouths of the boys who are giving their lives for us over the world: "What are you people at home doing to justify what we are doing?"

Mrs. Holland Burr, First Vice President, in her devotional, steadied us with her text, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." She met the almost instant reaction—so much to do, so little time to do it in—with the assertion that all the more must we re-store our own source of power from the Infinite Source.

After the lunch hour, Mrs. John C. Bennett of Berkeley carried on the thought of our responsibility to the children growing up in such difficult surroundings. She spoke of four points which we should not only desire for all children, but should work to give them: 1. A knowledge and appreciation of the Bible. As means to that end, she suggested Bible games and dramatizations, and the use of the editions of the Bible printed as literature like any other book. 2. Training in habits of prayer. Suggestions here were picture prayers and a "prayer table." 3. A fellow feeling for all children of all races and colors and creeds. Useful here will be the study of maps and globes, stories of the lives of other children, and, as a result, the giving of money to help the underprivileged ones. 4. The fourth and last point would follow almost automatically on the first three, viz., the growth into church relationship.

The closing address of the day was by Dr. Albert Stauffacher, the minister of the Missions Council of our churches. Each stage of the missionary development must be conditioned by the pattern of the world in which it grows. For the first century and a half the missionary enterprise was almost purely evangelical, carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Later, the paramount interest was the building of a worldwide Christian fellowship. Now, the peoples whom we have taught to feel themselves our brothers need to have the same privileges that brothers in a family would have. Specifically, Dr. Stauffacher instanced the need of literacy. There are 1,200,000,000 people in the world who cannot read or write and who are therefore candidates for whatever way of life reaches them first. The work of Dr. Frank Laubach is of course the outstanding example of the promotion of literacy. Having taught the people to read, said Dr. Stauffacher, the next question is going to be, What shall they read? If the church does not answer that question, someone else will.

Dr. Stauffacher's closing thought is one we may well take with us through the summer months. The world does not look up for its God, it is too busy. If it is to see Him, the church must reflect Him. There is a greater than the "Great Commission." It is "Let your Light so shine."

Mission study books for the new year are now available at the Conference office.

THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

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at the door but battering down all of the doors, and so little with which to meet it in the way of leadership, of money, and of church mindedness and strength. We are doing something at Vallejo and Richmond, but if we were doing ten times as much it would not be enough. The program at Marin City is somewhat more adequate because the community is not so large.

"Another one of these baffling problems growing out of a tremendous influx of population now presents itself to the religious forces of this area at Alameda. Housing is now being erected which will accommodate 16,000 people. The head of the housing authority says that before the end of 1944, Alameda will have 70,000 people, whereas the last census gave it 36,000. The Alameda churches have organized a council and plan to underwrite one-half of a budget for a woman worker who will organize and direct Sunday schools and club work. The superintendent is a member of the special committee of the Superintendents' Council and will recommend that the remaining half of the budget be provided by the denominations from their war emergency funds. This will require a great deal of time in planning and again the problem of searching for a worker."

IMMORTALITY

"Every green thing loves to die in bright colors. The vegetable cohorts march glowing out of the year in flaming dresses, as if to leave this earth were a triumph and not a sadness. It is never nature that is sad, but only we, that dare not look back on the past, and that have not its prophecy of the future in our bosoms."

—Beecher.

IMPORTANT NOTES

"Every forest fire this summer will be an enemy fire. One instant of carelessness in the woods and fields may cancel all the good your war bonds can do.

DIXON ADVANCES

Rev. Everett L. Spuller reports that at the Dixon Community Church there was an increase of 20 per cent in attendance at Holy Week services, which culminated with Good Friday. Fifteen persons united with the church on Easter Sunday.

LODI, FIRST. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, and 9 other delegates attended the Association meeting at Angels Camp. The painting of the exterior of the church and Plymouth Hall, which has been financed through voluntary gifts, adds to the attractiveness of the buildings. Nine young people expect to attend the Lakewood Conference, at which Mr. Boone will be a member of the faculty.

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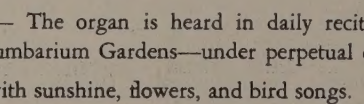

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